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SUBJECT: HANOI PRISONER REPORT

REF: STATE 237068 (DTG PR 241304Z SEP 76)

1. POLCOUNS DISCUSSED POW QUESTION WITH DFA, TREVOR WILSON, WHO PROVIDED TEXT OF MEMORANDUM DATED AUGUST 17, 1976 FROM AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HANOI TO DFA ENTITLED QTE AMERICAN OWS IN VIETNAM. END QTE

BEGIN TEXT:

QTE. IN CONNECTION WITH THE INFORMATION REPORTED IN OUR EARLIER MEMORANDUM AND THE AMERICAN VIEW THAT THE PERSON CONCERNED MIGHT HAVE BEEN FROM SIAGON, WE REFER YOU TO THE BRIEFING GIVEN BY THE UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE, HAN, FOLLOWING HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE SOUTH. HAN SAID THAT A MR. GAY
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HAD BEEN DUE TO GO OUT WITH THE OTHER AMERICANS ON THE FLIGHT

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BUT THAT HE HAD DISAPPEARED IN SAIGON AND WAS BEING SOUGHT BY THE VIETNAMESE THROUGHOUT VIETNAM. HAN, WHO WAS IN CONTACT WITH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BANGKOK IN RELATION TO THE REPATRIATION OPERATION, MENTIONED THAT THE EMBASSY WAS CONCERNED AS TO WHETHER A MR. GUGGELMAN WAS ON THE LIST OF AMERICANS TO BE REPATRIATED AND HE REFERRED TO THE QTE RUMOURS END QTE ABOUT THIS MAN THAT WERE CIRCULATING, INCLUDING ONE THAT HE WAS IN HANOI. (AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THESE RUMOURS WERE NOT CIRCULATING IN HANOI ITSELF). HAN WAS ONLY PREPARED TO SAY AT THE BRIEFING THAT GUGGELMAN WAS NOT ON THE LIST. HE TOLD US AFTERWARDS, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO GUGGELMAN WHO WAS LAST SEEN IN SAIGON IN APRIL AND WAS EVIDENTLY QTE A MARKED MAN END QTE BECAUSE OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE PHOENIX PROGRAMME, INTER ALIA.

HAN ALSO TOLD US THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSURED BY VICE MINISTER PHAN HIEN LAST WEEK THAT NO AMERICAN POWS WERE BEING HELD BY THE VIETNAMESE. END QTE

2. WILSON ASSUMES QTE APRIL END QTE DATE REFERRED TO BY HANOI IS APRIL 1976 BUT HE WILL SEEK CONFIRMATION FROM AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HANOI. HARGROVE

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